to import 1.5 lakh tonnes of RBD Pallmolein during 1995-96 for supply through the Public Distribution System.

Monitoring of ITPO Functions

5853. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to carefully monitor the functioning of Indian Trade Promotion Organisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pragati Maidan grounds are not well maintained in recent years; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the Pragati Maidan grounds used for exhibitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A Memorandum of understanding fixing Financial and Physical targets for achievement by India Trade Promotion Organisation is signed between ITPO and Ministry of Commerce every year. The performance of ITPO is monitored by the Government on the basis of evaluation of paramenters devised in the Memorandum of understanding.

(b) No, Sir, Every effort is made to ensure that Pragati Maidan is maintained to meet the requirements for holing international level exhibitions.

(c) The improvement of facilities at Pragati Maidan is a continuous process. Number of improvements have been done in the past. ITPO proposes to take up following measures:—

(i) Construction of additional air conditioned exhibition halls.

(ii) Modification of Indira's Vision Pavilion into a modern conference complex.

(iii) Provision of additional escalator in Hall of Technology.

(iv) Replacement of ordinary flooring with heavy duty dewatered vacuum flooring in Halls No.2,3,4,5,6, & 7

(v) Replacement of old transformers and other equipment in Electric Sub Stations.

(vi) Renovation of toilets in exhibition halls all over Pragati Maidan Complex.

(vii) Construction of underground water pump and tubewell etc. for augmentation of water supply.

(viii) Providing passenger lifts in Hall of Special Displays.

(ix) Furnishing of Auditormum and providing simultaneous translation system in Hall of Special Displays.

(x) Replacement of old and worn out water supply and sewer lines which were laid during 1970—72.

(xi) Construction of new Entrance at Gate No. 2.

(xii) Improving & arranging parking facilities.

Simplification of Procedures by DGFT to Facilitate Exports

5854. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedures at the Office of the Director-General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) are being simplified to facilitate exports;

(b) if so, what changes have been announced in 1995-96;

(c) whether deliberate delays are being monitored in the DGFT; and

(d) details of such monitoring for improvement of DGFT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.